HISTORIC BATTERY LEAD SMELTER / BABBITT AND SOLDER MANUFACTURER SITES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Site visits on 3/13/02, 3/29/02, and 6/28/02:

257 3rd Street, East Cambridge, MA (Mass Smelting and Refining Co.)
There is no longer a 257 address. There is a large brick building with associated asphalt parking areas on this non-residential area of 3rd between Potter and Munroe Streets. The address of the building is 303 3rd, company name 'Metabolix'. The only accessible soil is a fenced dirt/gravel lot in the rear of the building which fronts 5th Street where construction piping is currently staged. No further action warranted.

455 Columbia Street, Cambridge, MA (Shawmut Smelting Co.)
There is no accessible soil on this industrial/commercial portion of Columbia Street. The first building on Columbia coming off of Webster is an auto parts store (305 Webster) followed by an asphalted, fenced in tow yard. Adjacent to that is a scrap auto/recycling metal yard, straddling the Cambridge/Sommerville line (461 Columbia). On the other side of the street is a relatively new structure, the Cambridge Business Center (422 Columbia) a used auto parts dealer (480 Columbia). The proprietor of 305 Webster who's family had owned the business for approx 85 years had never heard of Shawmut. He checked with a neighbor who had also been in the area for many years and he was not aware of any business by that name. No further action warranted.

135 Linwood Street, Sommerville, MA (Nick, Herman, Co. Inc.)
Linwood Street which begins off of the McGrath Highway is strictly industrial/commercial in this stretch. The first building, Pats Auto Body, is at 161 Linwood followed by a U-Haul truck rental and self storage facility. This is adjacent to the Sommerville Service N-Star Center vehicle staging lot. Next to this is Poplar Street followed by 61 Linwood. The opposite side of the street consists of a large brick building and asphalted parking areas adjacent to a large Waste Management facility. All of the ground cover on both sides is asphalted, and the businesses fenced. There is no accessible soil. No further action warranted.

_____5th Street, Medford, MA (David Feinburg Co.)
No additional address could be found for this company. The majority of 5th street is strictly residential with no obvious past business use. The far end of 5th between Fellsway and Riverside is a relatively new commercial/industrial area. EPA contractor research indicates that the David Feinburg Company had their business at 129 Corporation Way, directly across railroad tracks from the opposite end of 5th Street. A site visit showed that there is a huge construction job underway involving a large portion of Corporation Way. Christin Chardo (sp?) with MA DEP - NE , stated that the name of the project is Telecom City and it is under one environmental review (and remediation as necessary) as opposed to individual parcel reviews. Lawrence Mach, MA DEP NE, called back with more information. The project is being overseen by Steve Winslow of the Mystic Valley Development Corp. Their LSP of record is Jeff Nagle of Nagle Assoc. DEP is satisfied with the environmental assessment work going on to date. No further action warranted.

356 Commercial Street, Malden, MA (Richards Corp.)
This stretch of Commercial Street is strictly commercial/industrial with a fair amount of ongoing construction. The first complex off of Medford Street is the Riverview Business Park (23-31 Commercial) followed by a Verizon building adjacent to a Warehouse building fronted by a fenced in construction site. Adjacent to this is a UPS building (378 Commerical), an empty fenced lot, a school bus parking area and additional construction sites. The other side of Commercial contains buildings, parking areas, and an active railroad line. Other than the dirt in the fenced construction areas, the ground cover is asphalted. EPA contractor research indicated that the Richards Corp. was at 359 Washington Street in Malden, MA. A site visit showed a commercial structure and an asphalted parking area with no accessible soil. Immediately to the rear of the building is a fenced in railroad track. No further action warranted.

235 Medford Street, Charlestown, MA (Charlestown Smelting Co.)
This area has undergone extensive development. Where 235 Medford Should have been is now the Charlestown Community Center, a sporting complex, and the adjacent Charlestown High School football field. The High School is on the other side of Medford Street. To the rear of the complex and off of Medford Street are a number of older brick buildings, the Charlestown Commerce Center. Large housing units are in the immediate vicinity. Although I believe the development has effectively remediated any unsafe conditions (ie. contaminated surface soils),
additional research should be done to determine the actual location and disposition of the long defunct Smelting Co. **ONGOING**

413 2nd Street, Everett, MA (Acme Smelting Co. of Mass.)
There is no accessible soil on this commercial/industrial street. The first building, State Auto Spring is 447 2nd Street, adjacent to a fenced in gravel/dirt lot, currently used for truck parking. Next to that is the Owens Commerce Center, a large brick building with asphalted parking areas. Adjacent to that is Garden Street followed by a business at 383 2nd. The other side of the street consists of buildings and fenced in parking/staging lots. No further action warranted.

289 3RD Street, Chelsea, MA (Vulcan Smelting Works)
There is no longer a 3rd Street in Chelsea. There is a relatively new multi-building office complex containing mostly medical related businesses.

EPA contractor research indicated that the address no longer exists, but felt there was an unpaved lot in the general vicinity where it once was. With additional maps provided by the contractor, I revisited the area on July 31, 2002. The Mystic Mall bisects what used to be 3rd St. The southeast side of 3rd contains the office complex as indicated above. The southeast side contains numerous industrial and commercial businesses. Any unpaved lots appear to be scrap metal/junk yards and all appear to be fenced in. No further action warranted.

105 5th Street, Chelsea, MA (Harcon Corp.)
This address should have been at the end of 5th in-between the overpass of the Northeast Expressway

and where it T's into Arlington Street. On one side is a relatively new large brick building and associated asphalted parking areas (Ash Street is no longer). On the other side of 5th is an asphalt parking area. No further action warranted.

115 5th Street, Chelsea, MA (Vulcan Smelting Works)
This address should have been at the end of 5th in-between the overpass of the Northeast Expressway and where it T's into Arlington Street. On one side is a relatively new large brick building and associated asphalted parking areas (Ash Street is no longer). On the other side of 5th is an asphalt parking area.

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EPA contractor research indicated that there is an unpaved lot in the vicinity of this address. I visited the area again on July 31, 2002. After walking the location indicated by the contractor, there was no evidence of an unpaved lot. The only non-asphalted/concrete area in the immediate vicinity was a small, fenced in grassy area that is apparently a buffer for a relatively new on-ramp. No further action required

273 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, MA (Acorn Type Foundry)
The highway has been renamed the McClellen Highway and is an extremely busy four lane (two in each direction) road with businesses that support the nearby Boston Logan Airport. In the approximate location of this address is a Holiday Inn Hotel (225 McClellen) which is adjacent to a fenced in large marshy field (tall visible phragmites). The field does not appear to be accessible from the highway. Adjacent to the field on the other side is an Avis Rental Car headquarters at 375 McClellen. There is no accessible soil at either the hotel or the Avis. EPA contractor research shows that the foundry was only in existence for a two year period (1949-1951) and since this is not a residential area and there is no access to the property in question, no further action is warranted.

109 West Brookline St., Boston, MA (Eastern Smelting and Refining Corp.)
There is a new housing development (one and two family homes?) in this residential area. There is no longer an address of 109, the closest being 111. There was no apparent accessible soil. EPA contractor research supports this information regarding this address where no further action is warranted. The research does show that the company, Eastern Smelting, changed its name and location to Refinity Corp. at 37-39 Bubier Street in Lynn, MA. A site visit showed that it is still active in this commercial and industrial section of Lynn. There does not appear to be any accessible soil. No further action is warranted.

47 Burnham Place, Boston, MA (General Metals & Smelting Co.)
Burnham is a short, dead end residential block, with no # 47. In the rear of the row houses is accessible soil. One grass driveway is immediately accessible from East 3rd Street. EPA contractor research supports this information but goes on to state that the company in question is at **47 Topeka Street** in Boston, MA. A site visit showed it to be a fenced in and locked building complex. Signs on the fence indicate that it is off-limits per Boston Inspectional Services. The building complex is made of approximately three dilapidated wood frame and corrugated aluminum structures with small courtyards. It appears to be uninhabitable. Topeka Street is strictly commercial and industrial. OSCs Lipson and

Patterson met at the site with James Kennedy (617) 635-5300 x-1214 and Ed Kennedy (x-1749) of the City of Boston Inspectional Services. They have the property fenced and will reactivate the site under their program. We noticed a few cylinders with unknown contents which they will follow up with the owner about. They will also re attempt to keep the fences locked. No further action is warranted.

523 Dorchester Ave, Boston, MA (Harcon Corp.)
There is a small cinder block building with a Harcon Plaque on the outside wall (address 511). This operation fronts a very large, fenced in, soil surface, working, junk/scrap/metal yard. Immediately adjacent at 541 is Reliable Diesel Car Repair. This consists of a corrugated aluminum warehouse and a fenced in asphalted yard. No further action warranted.

140 Granite Ave., Dorchester, MA (Nick, Herman, & Co. Inc.)
No address of that number was found in this residential/commercial neighborhood. Hilltop Street T's off of Granite Ave. To the south of Hilltop on Granite is a large fenced in asphalted lot containing some rubble and construction looking material. Adjacent to that to the south of that is an auto body and towing company along with an equipment company at 170 Granite. According to EPA contractor research, the large fenced in asphalt lot is the plot where 140 existed. A second site visit showed that approximately the rear third of the lot is a dirt/gravel mixture. Directly across Hilltop Street is a childrens playground and residences. The EPA contractor who performed the deed search, listed two individuals as current owners. One of the owners, John Sax has passed away. The co-owner, John Saxs' son, Richard Schwartz (561) 833 4022, lives in Florida and stated that the MDC is in the process of taking over the property by imminent domain. His attorney, Ms. Julie Moran stated that phase I and phase II environmental assessments have been done on the property and gave two MDC contacts: Beth McGloughlin (617 727 5294 and Jim Comeau, same #, x-258. Ms. McGloughlin returned my call and confirmed that the phase I and II were completed and a phase III was due soon. No further action warranted.

587 East 1st Street, South Boston, MA (Brackett, Henry F. & Co.)
This address number could not be found. East 1st Street in the general vicinity of where it should have been according to the maps is completely commercial/industrial and all asphalted, although there are residences in close proximity. Taking up a good amount of space is a Greyhound Bus garage. There was no accessible soil. No further action warranted.

509 East 2nd Street, South Boston, MA (Coran Bros. Corp.)
That address is now the Coran-Sholes Stained and Leaded Glass facility. It is a cinder block structure and completely asphalted on the exterior. It is adjacent to other asphalted commercial/industrial businesses (auto body shop and garage) in this industrial/commercial/residential neighborhood. There was no accessible soil. No further action warranted.

41 Bradston Street, Boston, MA (Harcon Corp.)
This section of Bradston is strictly commercial. A brick building is at 23 Bradston adjacent to an un-numbered 2 story office building that did not appear to be fully occupied. Next to that was a large

asphalted and fenced parking lot. There was no accessible soil. No further action warranted.

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41 Hilton Street, Boston, MA (Harcon Corp.)
This was a strictly residential block with a large amount of accessible soil. There was no #41 as the street ended at #27. EPA contractor research verifies this information and goes on to state that Bradston Street was formerly known as Hilton Street and it is possible that 41 Bradston Street was formerly known as 41 Hilton Street (see closure memo for 41 Bradston Street). No further action warranted.